

NAVY TO REQUEST 975 MILLION TO ADD SIX POLARIS CRAFT

Burke Tells Senate Group of
Plan—Rep. Cannon Asks
Rise in Defense Spending

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—The Navy plans to seek \$975,000,000 for six more Polaris submarines in a supplementary budget request, Admiral Arleigh A. Burke, Chief of Naval Operations, told the Senate Preparedness subcommittee today.

These would be in addition to three Polaris submarines that are provided in the budget before Congress. They would bring the total program to eighteen nuclear-powered submarines equipped to fire 1,200-mile missiles.

In another development, Senator Stuart Symington, Democrat of Missouri, threatened during the hearing to reveal the percentage increase in Soviet ballistic missiles he said was now forecast in the latest intelligence estimates.

As Admiral Burke testified indications grew of Congressional sentiment to appropriate more money for defense than the \$41,000,000,000 being sought by President Eisenhower.

Representative Clarence Cannon, Democrat of Missouri and one of the most prominent vocalizers in the capital, made what some considered a "dramatic" speech on the floor of the house for increased military spending.

Confers with Burke

Senator Symington delivered his threat as he called upon Administration officials to make clear that the new intelligence estimates, far from justifying a downgrading of the Soviet threat in long-range missiles, actually indicated increased Soviet capability in this field.

A similar threat by Senator Symington last year caused the Administration to reveal that the United States expected the Russians to achieve a three-to-one advantage in long-range missiles in coming years.

At one point, as Admiral Burke testified, the Senator insisted that the Chief of Naval Operations come up to his desk. The two men then compared sheets of paper with the secret intelligence estimates.

Afterward the Senator reaffirmed what he had said, that the Russians were expected to have an even greater number of intercontinental ballistic missiles ready for launching than was estimated last year.

Senator Symington's threat brought a sharp complaint from Senator Prescott Bush, Republican of Connecticut. Senator Bush said too many military secrets were being disclosed in the defense debate and that

was subject to "too much political influence."

Senator Symington, who is an unavowed aspirant for the Democratic Presidential nomination, replied hotly that "in a democracy, the people have a right to know."

Supports Mahon

Representative Cannon, who is chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, called on Congress to ignore the Administration's "specious" claims that the United States was still the most powerful nation on earth and to recognize that increased spending was needed to make up for Russia's newly won military advantages.

"The situation is simple," he said. "At the end of the second world war we were masters of the world. Then we let another nation barely out of barbarism outdistance us."

He pledged support of the proposal made yesterday by Representative George Mahon, Democrat of Texas, to increase by three times the amount of money the Administration now is setting aside to make possible an airborne alert of bombers.

The budget implications of defense planning were disclosed anew in the transcript released today of the closed hearings three weeks ago before the House Defense Appropriations subcommittee.

Secretary of the Army Wilber M. Brucker testified that he did not believe the Administration's allocation of \$9,806,000 to the Army in the total budget was "enough." He said that the Army had requested \$10,320,205,000.

Nike Zeus Research

Secretary Brucker told the House committee that he had been advised not to expect to spend more than \$200,000,000 of the \$302,000,000 earmarked in the budget for research and development and related military construction for the Nike Zeus anti-missile missile program.

President Eisenhower had pointed out in his budget message that while he had rejected the Army's plan for producing certain items for the Nike Zeus, he would push the research and development. Secretary Brucker testified that Dr. Herbert F. York, Pentagon director of research, had told him of the limitation.

Gen. Lyman L. Lemnitzer, Army chief of staff, testified that because of budgetary and manpower limitations there were about 25 per cent Korean nationals in the two Army divisions in South Korea. He said he preferred to have these divisions 100 per cent American.

Gen. David M. Shoup, Air Force

Corps commandant, testified that he did not believe the \$70,000-man Marine force provided in the budget was big enough.